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Dr. Jane Henney  
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Dear Dr. Henney:

I would like to express my concern on the widespread use of antibiotics. It is not only the limitation of new uses of antibiotics, but the revoking of approvals for current uses that needs to be done.

There are many factors at work, which is why I call on your action. From the increased market forces in medicine doctors have pressure from patients they do not want to lose and patients are seeking the strongest treatment though it might not be medically sound. For the individual farmer they are used for preventing diseases as well as the side benefit of promoting growth. The pharmaceutical industry would seek the continued use of antibiotics because their profitability is involved.

Please consider the recommendations of the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control. They, I believe, are more correctly focussing on the long term rather than the short term implications of the decision.

The life-saving effectiveness of current treatments are truly at stake and to do this the use of antibiotics needs to be reduced. Your action is the one thing that can help.

Sincerely yours,



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